Disaster Has Been Avenged

Destroyers of Good Hope and Monmouth Sunk in Action.

THREE GERMAN SHIPS HAVE GONE

Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipseg are Sent to the Bottom of the Sea by a British Squadron Under Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—A British squadron under command of Vice-Admiral Sir Fredrick Sturdee, chief of the war staff, engaged a German squadron, under Admiral Count von Spee, off the Falkland Islands, in the South Atlantic, Tuesday, and won a victory which is being acclaimed throughout England.

The armored cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and the protected cruiser Leipsig, three of the German warships which had been menacing British shipping, and part of the squadron which sank the British cruisers Good Hope and Monmouth in the Pacific on Nov. 1, were destroyed, while the cruisers Dresden and Nurnberg, the two other vessels which composed the German squadron, made off during the fight, and, according to latest accounts, are being pursued. Two colliers were captured.

The announcement of this engagement and victory, which was the most important naval engagement of the war, with the exception of that off Heligoland last August, was made last evening in a statement by the Admiralty of less than one hundred words.

The following announcement was issued by the official information bureau:—

At 7.30 a.m. on Dec. 8, the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Nurnberg, Leipzig and Dresden were sighted near a British squadron. An English squadron under Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee.

An action followed, in the course of which the Scharnhorst, flying the flag of Admiral Count von Spee, the Gneisenan and the Leipsig were sunk. The Dresden and Nurnberg made off during the action and are being pursued.

Two colliers also were captured.

"The vice-admiral reports that the British casualties are very few in number.

"Some survivors have been rescued from the Gneisenau and the Leipsig."

The statement makes reference to some survivors rescued from the Gneisenau and the Leipsig, but no mention is made of the crew of the Scharnhorst, which was the flagship of the German admiral, being saved, and it is thus presumed that Count von Spee, his officers, and men, went down fighting.

The British casualties were light, but beyond the fact that the British squadron was commanded by Vice-Admiral Sturdee...

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...gaged, and the newspapers are enjoined not to speculate, as "other combinations may be effected."

The greatest enthusiasm prevailed in London over the victory, and the general impression is that it will be completed, as the Admiralty would not be likely to send ships that could not overtake the Dresden and Nurnberg, which are 24-knot and 23-knot vessels, respectively, and probably even slower after their long service. They are at a disadvantage also because of their small coal capacity.

The British squadron which engaged the Germans left England without the knowledge of the general public, and until its name was mentioned it was believed that Vice-Admiral Sturdee was serving in home waters.

The fact that he was taken from the post of chief of the war staff as indicative of the determination of the British Government to clear the Pacific and South Atlantic of all German warships. It is believed, therefore, that the British commander is at the head of a formidable squadron.

In addition to the Dresden and Nurnberg, only one German warship—the Karlsruhe—is now unaccounted for in those waters, although there may be one or two armed merchantmen which the allies have not rounded up.

As the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau each carried a complement of 725 men, the Leipsig 286, the Nurnberg 287, and the Dresden 361, the total German loss in personnel at not far from 2,000 men, although the actual losses to the Dresden and Nurnberg cannot yet be known.

Rear-Admiral Sir Frederick Charles Doveton Sturdee, who was in command of the British fleet which sank the three German cruisers, was born in 1859, and entered the navy in 1871. He attained the rank of captain in 1899, and that of rear-admiral in 1908. He served in the Egyptian war in 1882, receiving the Egyptian medal, Alexandria clasp and the khedive's bronze medal. From 1893 to 1897 he was assistant to the director of naval ordnance; then in 1900-02 he was assistant director of naval intelligence. He was appointed chief of the staff of the Mediterranean fleet in 1905, and held this post until 1907. In that year he held the same post in the Channel fleet, and was also A.D.C. to the King. In 1910 he was made rear-admiral of the first battle squadron, and has been commanding the second cruiser squadron since 1912.

GOLDEN WEDDING

On Tuesday, 8th inst. the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Oliver, 4th Con. of Sidney was the scene of a very pleasant event when their relatives and neighbors, numbering about 30, gathered to commemorate their marriage fifty years ago.

After a very excellent dinner and short time in social intercourse the following address was read by the pastor, Rev. I. M. Sharpe and Mr. Frank Jeffrey presented the purse.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Oliver:—

We, a few of your many friends and relatives assembled today to do honor to you, feel that in many ways we are most honored. We celebrate the golden jubilee of our churches, more or less frequently but few are the events such as this of today for so often a few weeks or perhaps years previous the "pale rider" comes in with his summons to either one or the other of the aged bridal pair. In this respect we are favored for we can rejoice with you in length of years and we feel the more our position in that circumstance and duty's call have combined to detain your sons elsewhere we are here to remind you of them and to help to refill the home with light and joy.

With you we go back in imagination or in memory over the milestones of those fifty years and review the happy journey. The earliest home with its comforts of those remote days contracted with those of today proves that "the house or its belongings cannot make a home" but where love is, there Happiness dwells. Your daughter close at hand in another home, but with you today and often along with two splendid sons now in our great central West, came to you...

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...as gifts of your God and served to make earth more like heaven for you yet did not deter you from planning for Heaven while here upon earth. And we have been honored by your presence among us in the ripened stage of your life for you came to us to give the full product of the matured Christian, shedding a mellowing and broadening influence along us in our church, Sunday school, missionary work, and in the citizenship which we also much appreciate.

You have seen the storm in the sky, and have known how to face it, you have beheld the calm upon the deep and have used the time to mend your sails and train your crew, as pilgrims or as voyagers you have toiled side by side and heart to heart through a half century and now may look back and say with the poet:—

"So long thy power hath blest me,
Sure it still will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent,
'Till the journey's done.
And with the morn those angels faces smile
Which we have loved long since and lost awhile."

May our prayers be answered that you may be spared to aid those this side the river for many years and that we all may meet with the Redeemed when the last great jubilee is kept.

Your family and brother ask you to accept of this purse of gold tendered by your presence in this respect, Mr. Frank Jeffrey.

Mr. Oliver replied with much feeling and in well chosen words thanked all concerned saying that he valued the good name of his family as of more worth than much riches.

The singing of the doxology and prayer, led by the pastor brought the formal part of the proceedings to a close.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

Convention of Madoc District.

The annual Epworth League Convention of the Madoc District was held at Thomasburg on Friday, Nov. 27th, and consisted of two sessions, afternoon and evening. Almost every league was represented, one league having as high as 33 members present. Mr. W. B. Tummon, President, was in the chair. After devotional exercises by the Rev. Crookshanks the Rev. H. Clarke of Marmora reported for the District Missionary Committee. This was followed by an address by the Rev. J. R. Bick of Ivanhoe, on "Can the Madoc District support a missionary in the foreign field." Mr. Bick went thoroughly into the question and outlined the resources and the possibilities. He also emphasized the fact that in order to be missionaries we must get a vision, a Vision of Christ crucified for the sins of the whole world. An interesting discussion followed this address in which a member of each league in the district took part, signifying the willingness of the members to do their part were a missionary assigned us. Rev. Dr. F. C. Stephenson of the Mission Rooms then addressed the convention after which reports from all leagues in the district were given.

The evening session opened with a song service led by the president, and devotional exercises by Rev. Wallace. Rev. H. V. Mounteer, chairman of the Madoc District delivered an address. "The Epworth League and Social Service." Rev. C. H. Coon followed with "The Epworth League and Evangelism." Dr. Stephenson then delivered an excellent missionary address, at the conclusion of which the president wanted the choir in favor of Rev. Mounteer, while he moved the following resolution, seconded by Rev. Clarke. "That we the Leaguers and Sunday School workers of the Madoc District now in convention request the General Board of Missions through Dr. Stephenson to assign us a young man, as our representative upon the Mission Field, whose support we shall be willing to bear." This was carried unanimously. The nominating committee then presented their report as follows:—Hon. Pres.—Rev. H. V. Mounteer; Pres.—W. B. McBain, Madoc; 1st Vice—Bennett, Ivanhoe; 2nd Vice—Rev. J. R. Bick, Ivanhoe; 3rd Vice—S. J. Bateman, Thomasburg; 4th Vice—John McCallum, Tweed; 5th Vice—Mrs. T. Wood, Ivanhoe; 6th Vice—Miss Faye Heath, Tweed; Treas.—Miss M. Kerr, Madoc.

Solos were given during the convention by Miss Kerr of Madoc and Miss Fawcett of Tweed, also a duet by Misses Kerr and Coon.

The delegates were served with lunch between the sessions by the Thomasburg leaguers in the Odd Fellows' Hall near by, and the members spent a very pleasant social hour in this way.

Springbrook was chosen as the next convention church, and thus closed one of the best conventions in the history of Madoc District Epworth Leagueism.

DECEMBER SESSIONS

LAFFERTY vs McCORMICK

The first case on the list in the December sessions before Judge Deroche was that of Lafferty vs McCormick and the C.N.O.R. Mr. A. J. Reid, counsel for the C.N.O.R. produced an agreement of purchase by which the defendant McCormick agreed to settle with the tenant. Mr. Lafferty. The plaintiff, Mr. Lafferty withdrew his claim against the C.N.O.R. and proceeded against the defendant McCormick alone. The latter was the owner of a farm about eight miles from Belleville on the Trent Road and rented it to plaintiff for three years, the lease containing the usual covenant for quiet possession. Evidence was given to show that the farm was a run down farm with much land from which want old and in very bad shape. The C.N.O.R. purchased a right of way across the place from the defendant and entered upon the premises (the plaintiff not giving his consent) and took down fences and proceeded with the construction of the railway which carried on during the year 1910, 1911 and 1912.

The plaintiff asked the defendant McCormick to allow something on the rent for loss of land and damages to his crop. The defendant refused to allow him anything and made him pay his whole rent. The plaintiff brought action for $300 damages for loss of land for three years, the tearing down of fences and disturbance of the stock and farming. Defendant counterclaimed for $350.00 damages for alleged bad farming and improper treatment of the orchard.

A large number of witnesses were examined and the case was fought to a finish. The jury last evening brought in a verdict for $308 in favor of the plaintiff Lafferty, and dismissed the counter action of defendant. Judgment was entered for this amount with costs. A stay of 30 days was granted at the request of the counsel of the defendant.

The action was begun on the advice of and by Mr. E. D. O'Flynn, who was a member of the firm of O'Flynn, Diamond, and O'Flynn and who left with the late Francis Joseph, the late Canadian Contingent for the front before the matter came to trial. The action was, however, carried on and ready for trial. F. E. O'Flynn, counsel for plaintiff; T. A. O'Rourke for defendant and A. J. Reid for C.N.O.R.

The pulpit of St. Peter's Presbyterian church, Madoc, is still vacant and is looking for and anxious to secure a pastor.

COLONIAL RULE IN CANADA

Judge Fraleck Gave Address Before Quinte Chapter.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Quinte Chapter I.O.D.E. His Honor Judge Fraleck gave an address of much interest and benefit on "Colonial Rule in Canada" Two delightful solos were given by Mrs. McArthur and Mrs. Wilmot. The guest of the afternoon was Mrs. White, regent of the Governor Simcoe Chapter, Trenton, who also gave a short address.

LODGE ROSE OF ENGLAND
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The above lodge held their monthly meeting last night, and the following officers were elected for 1915:
- Pres—Bro. H. A. Lennox
- Vice Pres—Sis. Cocuret
- Past Pres—Sis. Robbins
- Fin. Sec—Bro. W. E. Armitage
- Treas.—Sis. McDowall
- Chaplain—Sis Corden
- Medical Officer—Bro. Dr. Platt
- 1st Guide—Sis. Pauley
- 2nd Guide—Sis. B. Lewis
- 3rd Guide—Sis. A. Stapley
- 4th Guide—Sis. F. Lewis
- Inner Guard—Sis. R. Stapley
- Outer Guard—Sis. M. E. Stapley
- Rec. Sec—Sis. Cook
- Auditors—Sis. Corham, Sis. Cook.
- Bro. Vallance
- Trustees—Sis. Corham, Sis. Cook.

Allies Making Gains
Special to The Ontario.

PARIS, Dec. 10—The official announcement at noon says: Gains of several hundred yards along the French centre are reported. At the Aisne and in the Champagne district, artillery fighting continues with the advantage resting with the French in the Argonne; continued progress is reported.

Donates an Automobile
Special to The Ontario.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—A useful and much the work of the Canadian Red Cross in London, has been supplied by Mrs. Osborne, wife of Mr. James Kerr Osborne of Toronto, who donated a car. Colonel Hodgetts, the commissioner states a runabout is also needed, while more motor ambulances are urgently required.

The Emperor's Illness
Special to The Ontario.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The British public is taking a keen interest in the reports of the German Emperor's illness. From despatches received here from various points during the night it appears that Emperor William was seized with an attack of influenza while on a visit to Emperor Francis Joseph. The most reliable sources for information indicates that he was making progress toward recovery.

WARDEN W. H. HUBBELL MADE GLOWING PATRIOTIC ADDRESS

County Council Members Sang "Rule Brittania" and National Anthem at Opening of December Session.

The strains of "Rule Britannia" and "God Save the King," sung by the County Clerk A. M. Chapman and the members of the County Council, were a fitting climax to the patriotic and stirring words of Warden W. H. Hubbell's address at the opening meeting of Hastings County Council on Tuesday afternoon in Shire Hall, Belleville.

After the reading of the minutes, His Honor the Warden spoke to the Council as follows:—

"Gentlemen of the County Council

"I am pleased to greet you all and see you looking hale and hearty at this the first meeting of the last session of the County Council for 1914. I trust the same goodwill and harmony will characterize this session as has prevailed in the past sessions; and all will diligently apply themselves to the business that may be brought before this council, so that the business may be got through with despatch.

Economy Practised.

"I have noted with pleasure the spirit of economy that has been manifested and practised by the members during the year, which will from present prospects enable us to meet the expenditures of the county with the levy of the year.

"Some of our casual expenditures this year was as usual underestimated but yet it looks as if the revenue will meet expenditure."

Warden Hubbell said the work of the Committees would not cost more than half what they did in previous years. Two bridges has been delayed in construction, but the work will likely be completed next year.

Return to the Land.

"There has been throughout the county, the province, and other provinces, with the exception of some local localities a fair or average crop and prices derived by the farmers for all grains, and produce have been excellent, thereby making the farmer prosperous and for these things and many others we are grateful.

"Prices will likely continue high during the war and for some time afterwards and many are looking for an exodus to the country from the cities."

Wave of Sorrow in Europe.

"But a great wave of sorrow has swept over this and all other civilized countries because of the war which is now raging in and devastating the countries and armies of Europe.

"Great Britain did not enter this war from choice but in defence of honor and in defence of the neutrality of Belgium and in opposition to autocratic rule by Militarism, in favor of Democracy.

German Expediency v. British Honor.

"I said, in defence of her honor. In what way? What Germany represented as a scrap of paper was to Great Britain a treaty in which the honor of Great Britain, Germany, France, and Belgium were at stake as the official representatives of these nations had placed their names to this treaty and the seals of their different countries too. Germany from expediency found it to her advantage to ignore the treaty as a scrap of paper," while Great Britain

WARDEN W. H. HUBBELL (continued)

recognized in it a sacred trust which she was bound to uphold with all the power and force of the Empire. (Hear! Hear!)

Proud of Great Britain.

"Never was there a time in the history of the British Empire when all Britons should be more proud of the fact that they were Britons than now because of the fact that she keeps her honor and her treaty and stands by her principles at any cost or sacrifice and because of the valiant and most noble fight that her little army has put up in defence of these principles and the Empire.

Our Debt to Belgium.

"A question that has been asked frequently in the past few years is, 'When Britain is at war, are her self-governing colonies at war?' This must be answered most decisively in the affirmative by the sending of large contingents of the pick of the young manhood who have volunteered to go to the front to fight our Mother Country's battles and our battles.

The Care of Loved Ones.

"This war has brought its responsibilities to those who remain at home, in the caring for their loved ones or those who were dependent on those who have gone to the front. This should not be done so that it would appear as charity to the receivers, but our duty to them.

"Again do we owe Belgium anything? I think so. Did she not with her brave little army hold the hordes of German troops at bay until France and Britain could get their armies in position to check the German advance?

"Apparently as yet, all Germany has accomplished has been to defeat Belgium's small army, they have overrun and devastated Belgium, having razed to the ground villages, towns, and cities, and driven from their former peaceful homes the residents and they are now wandering refugees in France, Holland, Great Britain, and their own country.

"It is our duty and that of all Christian nations to feed and clothe these people until the war is over and they are reimbursed for their losses.

"While Belgians have been defeated, they have not been conquered and are still found side by side with the troops of Great Britain and France fighting in defence of their country, the protection of their children and the honor of their women.

County to be Organized.

"While the county of Hastings as a county has done nothing in the way of discharging our duty, there has been a great deal done in the way of organizing of the minor municipalities and by many other organizations and societies and much is being done."

The Warden urged the appointment of a committee of men of divergent views to deal with the organization of the county in patriotic and relief work. Money grants may be out of consideration now, owing to the stringency, but general enthusiasm and work throughout the county should be guided by one central organization.

Germany Must Be Conquered.

"Perhaps there may be continuous need of grants for some years, as Lord Kitchener said the war might last three years before Germany will be smashed, but defeated it will be

DUNDAS BYE-ELECTION ALL BUT A TURNOVER.

Conservative Majority Cut Down to 59.
FROM 673 IN LAST JUNE.

WINCHESTER, Ont., Dec. 7.—John A. Campbell of Ormond, Liberal candidate for Dundas, in to-day's bye-election for the Ontario Legislature cut a Conservative majority to 673 polled in June down to 59, the unofficial returns with all polls heard from. His opponent was Irwin Hilliard, K.C., of Morrisburg, who now succeeds the late Sir James Whitney by this narrow margin. It is nearly thirty years since there has been such a close contest in the riding. As recently as 1911 the Conservative majority was over 900.

In the general election held on the 29th of June last the Conservatives carried seven of the eight municipalities; to-day this record was all but reversed, and Campbell carried six out of eight. Mr. Campbell, a young man, is a cheese manufacturer, and his campaign centred on a more progressive policy for agriculture, education and social and moral reform. His remarkable run was due not only to these policies which he enunciated, but also to his personal popularity. In his own poll of Ormond, for example, he obtained 80 out of a total of 85 votes polled. In his own township of Winchester, excluding the village, he turned a Conservative majority of 105 into a Liberal majority of 18, and the village of Winchester changed from 87 Conservative to 29 Liberal. Morrisburg, on the other hand, the home town of the Conservative candidate, changed from a Conservative majority of 32 given this summer to Sir James Whitney to a Liberal lead of 50.

Mr. Campbell's striking success is very popular throughout the whole riding, and impromptu celebrations were held in his honor here, at Winchester, in Chesterville, Iroquois and Morrisburg, all carried by him and transferred from

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Government to Opposition majorities. When Mr. N. W. Rowell, who was in Ottawa to-night, was informed of the result he expressed himself as highly delighted, and immediately sent a telegram of congratulation to Mr. Campbell.

The Liberal candidate himself, in thanking the electors of Dundas for the great support they had given him, pointed out that this large reduction of the majority had occurred in spite of the fact that he had had to contend with the combined influence of the Federal Conservative member, Andrew Broder, M.P., Howard Ferguson, M.P.P., and the whole organization of the Conservative party in the county, which had made strenuous efforts to keep up the Government majority. Hon. Mr. Hearst had also sent an urgent letter to the Conservative voters. "In spite of all this, however," declared Mr. Campbell, "the electors of Dundas, Liberal and Conservative, have, in a large measure, responded to the policies laid down by us in the campaign." Mr. Campbell assured his friends that, in some capacity or other, he would continue to serve the people of Dundas.

In spite of the fact that this was a bye-election, public interest in the result was keen. It is difficult to-night to give details of the total vote polled, but it is probable that it was as large as that registered in the general election in June. This is true in Winchester and all the northern end of the constituency, and probably applies throughout the county. From the beginning of the campaign the people flocked to Mr. Campbell's meetings, which, in many instances, more than filled the halls. Mr. Hilliard's meetings, on the contrary, were, taken on the whole, rather poorly attended. The Liberals of Dundas worked hard for Mr. Campbell, who, as the result shows, was supported by many Conservatives, and by practically all the independent voters.

Following are the majorities in the last seven elections in Dundas county for the Provincial Legislature: 1898, Whitney, 126; 1902, Whitney, 504; 1905, Whitney, 624; 1908, Whitney, 914; 1911, Whitney, 921; 1914, June 29, Whitney, 673; 1914, December, 7, Hilliard (Con), 59.